

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I verily believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE AND BRAIDED TUBULAR SUPPORT THEREFOR
X the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120/365 of all United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint as my attorney Alfred D. Lobo, Reg. No. 24,109 with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all telephone calls to Alfred D. Lobo at telephone number 216/566-1661. Please mail all correspondence to Alfred D. Lobo, Esq., LOBO & CO., L.P.A., 933 The Leader Building, 526 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1401.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.

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